

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR SEPT. 1.

DEATH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

LESSON TEXT—Mark 6:14-29.
GOLDEN TEXT—"He that is faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life."—Rev. 2:10.

The story of Hamlet and Banquo's ghost is no more vivid or dramatic than the story of the tragedy of John the Baptist.

"And King Herod heard of him," v. 4. Of course Herod would hear of the rising young cousin of John who was creating such a stir throughout Galilee. His coarse, sinful, licentious, heart cringed at the rebuke of such a life of purity, one that performed so many good deeds, one who was constantly ministering to others as contrasted with the life of Herod, who only ministered to his own selfish lusts. Small wonder he should exclaim, "It is John whom I beheaded," and one can hear in fancy the rising tide of terror that surged through his heart as he must have screamed, "He is risen from the dead!" The first three verses of the lesson are a vivid picture of how the fame of this young Galilean affected the conscience-stricken and guilty-hearted usurper upon the throne.

Who was this Herod? In the first place, he was guilty of the sin of incest, for he had married the wife of his brother Philip, who was still living. From verse eighteen of the lesson we learn further that the bold and courageous John had rebuked him of this evil and as a result Herod had cast him into prison, and though he may have desired, yet he did not as yet dare to take his life. Added to this is the anger of a sinful woman.

John a Just Man.

This precipitated a war which resulted in the overthrow and utter loss of the army belonging to the father of Herod's lawful wife. Why did Herod hesitate to comply with all that Herodias desired? Verse 20 tells us, because John "was a just man and a holy." Righteousness is often a man's surest safeguard. Herod was not altogether devoid of conscience as we have already seen, and this is further evidence of that fact. Verse 20 adds that when Herod heard him he was "perplexed and heard him gladly." We believe that Herod was seeking some sort of a recanting upon the part of John, that he was glad (anxious) to hear from his lips some sort of statement that would justify his liberation and was perplexed over the persistence of John, who, though in prison, never for one moment lowered his standard of divine righteousness, nor trimmed his sails so as to catch the wind of Herod's popular favor. That this was John's attitude and that it was known to Herodias is evident from the beginning of the verse 21, "and when a convenient day was come." Herodias was all too ready and willing to seize her opportunity.

To evidence her depths of depravity and also her anxiety, note that Herodias was willing to sacrifice the modesty of her own daughter to gain her end. The use of the word "herself," v. 22 R. V., is evidence that it was an unusual thing for this daughter of a queen thus to exhibit herself.

Now note the oath of the liquor and lust-driven king. What an appalling request. What a terrible consequence. What lengths men will go to "keep their word" given thoughtlessly or uttered in the heat of passion. This is one of the blackest pictures of history. A lust-driven, licentious potentate, a rebuked but vindictive queen, slave of these same passions.

Not Real Sorrow.

The child of the home thrust forth before the gaze of the court to help secure the ends of a murderous mother. A godly, fearless saint who had a great message from a great God, and without halting, hesitancy or compromise continued to deliver that message till stricken down in the midst of an orgy of passion. Herod's sorrow was not "unto repentance" (v. 26) but rather that of a guilty conscience.

We need now to return again to the first verse of the lesson and we can well believe it must have been a sad wall, "He is risen" (v. 16). History tells us Herod lost his kingdom and that he and Herodias died in exile.

Let us turn from this awful picture and look at John. How different. Thus dies he who was the greatest born of a woman. Thus died one who dared to rebuke evil in high places. One who would not compromise to save his life, and one who was faithful unto death (see the Golden Text). Can we hesitate to believe that John received his crown?

A suggested outline for this lesson is as follows:

- I. A Terror-Stricken Conscience.—v. 14-16.
1. Jesus' name spread abroad, v. 14.
2. Men sought to explain Jesus, v. 15.
3. Herod's guilty conscience, v. 16.
- II. A Wicked Woman's Hatred, v. 17-25.
1. The effect of righteous life.
2. Herod's downward steps.
- III. The End of a Faithful Preserver, v. 26-29.
1. Herod's wicked oath.
2. John's penalty (2 Tim. 3:12).

FARM and GARDEN



PREPARE FOR WINTER WHEAT

Grain Farmers Plow Immediately After Barley or Oats Is Harvested—Prevent Evaporation.

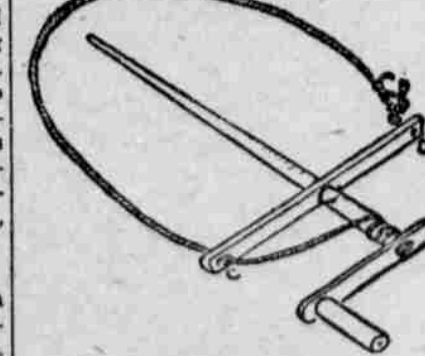
Oats and barley stubble land intended for winter grain and to be seeded to grass should be plowed early and harrowed soon after plowing, so the ground can settle. Heavy land should be plowed with three horses. We use the sulky plow, set to cut an even furrow and a good depth. Harrow and roll before the plowed ground dries out. A fine, mellow top soil will prevent evaporation of moisture and it can be put in nice order for drilling with a second or third working with the spring-tooth harrow and roller, says a writer in the Baltimore American. Land plowed just before sowing is too spongy; it should be plowed at least two weeks before the grain is drilled. Expert grain farmers plow immediately after the barley or oats is harvested and then harrow and roll. When oats or barley precede a crop of winter wheat the land is much drier than a properly managed summer fallow, and if the season should be dry and hot it is difficult to get such land mellow and moist enough for germination of grain. If barnyard manure is to be spread over the field it will pay to hire a spreader for the manure can be spread so much better, as the spreader cuts the manure fine and spreads an even and a regular coat over the entire ground. Two active men with a two-horse spreader will haul and spread a large pile of manure in a day. The regular price for the use of a spreader is 50 cents per day. If a spreader cannot be had, haul and spread direct from wagon or cart. The manure spread one day should be harrowed into the ground the next; there is no loss of plant food from the manure drying out from action of sun and wind. Spread 12 two-horse wagon loads of rooted manure and drill the grain in with 250 pounds of a good animal bone fertilizer to the acre. The manure and fertilizer will give a larger yield of grain and a better quality of straw than either manure or fertilizer used alone.

BINDER FOR SHOCKING CORN

Little Device Contrived by Nebraska Man So That Band May Be Put on With Much Ease.

In describing a contrivance for shocking corn, a Nebraska man writes in the Missouri Valley Farmer as follows:

I have worked out a little device to help with the large shock, so that the band may be put on with ease. The device consists of a tapering shaft 3½ feet long to which a crank is attached. C and D is a crossbar or washer through which a rope passes after being attached to the other end, and fastens to the crank. E is the loop in the rope to fasten to the hook after the rope has been carried around the shock. The operator takes hold of the crank, reels in the rope and pulls up



For Shocking Corn.

the stalk so the second man has no trouble in putting a band on a large shock.

To Kill Wire Grass.

The so-called wire grasses are many. Such grasses as propagate by means of creeping root-stalks constantly reproduce new plants at the rooting joints, as couch or quack grass, Johnson grass, Bermuda grass and members of the blue-grass family. This pasture, if adapted to tillage, should be completely pulverized to the depth of four inches with a cutaway or disk harrow in July and kept harrowed once a week so long as the soil remains dry during the remainder of the season, allowing no green spear of grass to get a foothold.

By fall the mass of roots will be practically lifeless if the season has been normally dry and hot. The whole should then be turned under ten inches deep, using a jointer. In the spring, harrow every week until time to plant a cultivated crop, then keep perfectly clean and the battle will be won.

Kohl-Rabi.

In most sections of the north a good crop of kohl-rabi may be grown if seed is sown not later than the middle of August. White Vienna is a good variety. See that the soil is well enriched with rotten manure before sowing the seed.



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HILLSBORO FAIR

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340 Best Fan Palm.....	50	25
341 Best Hanging Basket.....	50	25
342 Best As Fancys U Fern.....	50	25
343 Best Sword Fern.....	50	25
344 Best Boston Fern.....	50	25
345 Best Geranium in bloom.....	50	25
346 Best Lily in bloom.....	50	25
347 Best Oleander in bloom.....	50	25
348 Best Caladium.....	50	25
349 Best Hibiscus.....	50	25
350 Best Jasmine.....	50	25
351 Best Heliotrope.....	50	25
352 Best Laurana.....	50	25
353 Best Hydrangea.....	50	25
354 Best Wandering Jew.....	50	25
355 Best Night Blooming Cereus.....	50	25

CUT FLOWERS

356 Best Roses.....	25	15
357 Best Dahlias.....	25	15
358 Best Gladioli.....	25	15
359 Best Phlox.....	25	15
360 Best Pansies.....	25	15
361 Best Carnations.....	25	15
362 Best Heliotropes.....	25	15
363 Best Petunias.....	25	15
364 Best Geraniums.....	25	15
365 Best Asters.....	25	15
366 Best Salvia.....	25	15
367 Best Columbine.....	25	15
368 Best Cosmos.....	25	15
369 Best Chrysanthemums.....	25	15
370 Best Marigolds.....	25	15

MILLER'S CHAPEL.

August 26, 1912.

Rev. McDaniels filled his regular appointment here Sunday and was entertained at the home of Charles Lewis.

Jasper Igo and family spent Sunday with Geo. Henderson and wife.

Everett Radcliff and wife, of Hillsboro, spent Saturday and Sunday with R. W. Bradley.

Harley Stanforth, of Hillsboro, spent Thursday with his cousin, Eldon Larlick.

Mae Lewis spent Saturday night and Sunday with Maude Burris.

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August 26, 1912.

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R. C. Euverard and family, of Willetsville, and Miss Leigh Emery spent Sunday with William Tice and family.

Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, of Danville, and Miss Myrtle Rhodes, of Hillsboro, spent Sunday with H. L. Miller and wife.

Elmer Emery and wife, of Wilming-

ton, are visiting relatives at this place.

Otto Fawley was a business caller at Hillsboro Saturday afternoon.

Homer Emery and sister, Reigh, spent Friday with their sister, Effie Euverard, of Willetsville.

Miss Essie Vance and Mrs. Mattie Miller called on Mrs. Mary Emery Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. S. W. Young and Mrs. Mattie Miller called on Mae Fawley Thursday afternoon.

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